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New Research on Organic Farming
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new Research and Development (R&D) measures have been taken by the Government for promotion of organic farming in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any path breaking innovations have been achieved in the field of organic farming during the last two years and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) Yes, Madam. Indian Council of Agricultural Research through ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram operates a research scheme of Network Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) in 20 research centres in 16 states to develop package of practices for organic production of crops in cropping and farming systems perspective. The scheme involves 11 State Agricultural Universities, 8 ICAR institutes/centres and 1 deemed to be/special heritage university. The details of locations of the centres are given in Annexure-I.

(b) No. However, as an outcome of the research of Network Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), scientific package of practices

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for organic production of crops in cropping systems perspective have been developed in 42 cropping systems for 11 states. The cropping systems for which detailed scientific package of practices developed are given in Annexure-II.

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